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Doubts Propriety of Brzezinski's Briefing of Billy, CIA Chief Says

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WASHINGTON—Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said in testimony released Wednesday that he doubts it was proper for the President's national security adviser to share intelligence information with Billy Carter about a proposed Libyan oil deal.

But, Turner said, no national-security interests were jeopardized by Zbigniew Brzezinski's phone call to Billy soon after Turner brought Brzezinski the secret data last March 31.

Turner said he thought Brzezinski was well-motivated in admonishing Billy not to engage in any foreign business deals that could embarrass the President. The presidential aide, Turner said, was trying "to ward off the effort by the Libyans to use Billy Carter in any way to exert influence."

According to a censored trans-

cript of his Sept. 9 closed-door testimony, Turner told a special subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee that he wanted Brzezinski "to alert the President so . . . the Libyans would not influence his brother and his brother would not influence the President."

The brief intelligence report, he said, "bore on Billy Carter's commercial dealings with an oil company and Libyan efforts to exploit them."

This referred to Billy's plans to seek an increase in Libyan oil allotments for Charter Oil Corp. of Jacksonville, Fla., a transaction in which he stood to gain millions of dollars in fees. The deal never materialized.

"Did you have any idea that he (Brzezinski) would alert Billy?" Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.), a subcommittee member, asked. "No, I did not," Turner replied.

Lugar suggested that Turner

would not have called Billy Carter himself, because it was "not the right thing to do."

"That is certainly a possibility," Turner said. "I am not here to defend doing it," he added. "I do not believe that doing it seriously jeopardized the source of this information. The ethics of it, the propriety of it is another whole issue which is not in my realm."

Brzezinski has told the subcommittee that he disguised the source of his information in his admonishing call to Billy.

The Justice Department is seeking to determine if Brzezinski violated espionage laws in alerting the President's brother that the government knew he was trying to profit from Libyan oil.

Meanwhile, the special subcommittee, headed by Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), announced that it would submit written questions to President Carter to obtain additional information about his knowledge of Billy's Libyan ties.

Bayh said the panel concluded "there were no areas that demanded an eyeball-to-eyeball presentation." Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), the vice chairman, said Republicans generally agreed.